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Carnahan One of Only Twenty "Exceptional Leaders On Veterans' Issues" To Receive Perfect Score

(ST. LOUIS, MO) - Representative Russ Carnahan (MO-03) is one of only twenty "exceptional leaders on veterans' issues" to earn a perfect A+ rating on veterans issues, according to a scorecard released today by the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America Action Fund. It is the second term in a row that Carnahan has received a perfect score from the organization, which is pushing for solutions impacting troops and veterans.

"I'm honored and humbled," said Carnahan. "I take my responsibility for our troops and veterans very seriously. These are men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country. They stand up for us every day. We must stand up for them."

Carnahan expressed frustration that only 20 members of Congress - out of 535 - received the perfect score.

"This is not a partisan issue," Carnahan said. "I don't care what side of the aisle you're on. You have a duty to look out for our men and women in uniform, not only when they are out there fighting for us, but also when they come home."

The Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America Action Fund called the 20 members receiving perfect scores "exceptional leaders on veterans' issues." The organization has released the report cards every election year since 2004, so that citizens can have a credible tool to evaluate their Senators and Representatives on key issues facing Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

In a release issued along with the report card, Paul Rieckhoff, Founder and Executive Director of IAVA Action Fund stated that **"Members of all parties and ideologies share the moral**

duty to support those who have served their country. Heading into the midterm elections, it is important that every American knows who in Washington really supports Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, and who is just full of hot air."

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